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SATURDAY, OCT. 19, 1878.

O. M. Roberts.

Will speak as follows, at
Longview Thursday, Oct. 17
Bastrop Saturday, Oct. 19
Huntsville Sunday, Oct. 20
Houston Sunday, Oct. 21
Galveston Sunday, Oct. 22
San Antonio Sunday, Oct. 23

Horse flesh 50 above par, human
life 70 per cent. discount.

Young negro ruffians maltreat two
Mexican girls and a young German
girl, in San Antonio, and one of the
young devils gets on awful drubbing
from a leading journalist.

One of the most cold blooded and
shocking murders of the season is the
killing of two young farmers near
Mansfield. If the present reign of
blood continues, the papers will be
obliged to condense them into the
form of items.

The *Utica Observer* has a long sol-
emn account of a man attacked by
innumerable swallows, and an ensu-
ing conflict in which the man was de-
feated and put to flight.

Liquor ain't what it used to be.
Once it was snakes.

What was it that Thaddeus of
Warsaw?—(Cincinnati Saturday
Night. What kind of a grub was it
that Henry VIII?—(Wheeling Ledger.
What did the Duke of Devonshire
bunk Star?—(Kansas City Herald.
What did Gladstone?—(Bellaire
Photograph. What did
Count Schouvaloff?—(St. Louis Post.
And what did Capernicus?

A new brace-loading gun has
been adopted by the Board of Or-
dinance, against many competitors.
It is of the Hotchkiss pattern, and
fired on the trial, 29 rounds in two
minutes. Twenty thousand dollars
are to be invested at once in this new
gun. It costs only ten dollars.

In the State of Illinois in the last
twenty years, 314 murderers have
been sent to state prison, ninety for
life, one hundred pardoned; sixty-
two otherwise released, twenty-two
died or insane, and 131 still in prison.
Three years and six months is the
average for murder in Illinois.

A congress of Christians to dis-
cuss the second advent, is called by
eminent priests, bishops and deacons,
and is to be held in the church of
the Holy Trinity, New York City,
and will begin the 30th of this month.

Some of the speakers and readers
will be Tyng, of New York, Rev. S.
H. Kellogg, D. D., Prof. of Theology,
Presbyterian Seminary, Alleghany,
Pa. Duffield, D. D., Princeton Col-
lege, Dr. Mackey, D. D., of England.

A general cry is springing up all
over the State that crime and law-
lessness must be put down at all
hazards. The *Houston Telegram*
closes a long and able article on the
condition of the frontier counties,
with the following business like
talk:

Crime must be put down, life
must be protected, property must be
made reasonably secure, and if there
is no other way to do it, let us have
an armed soldiery in every county.

The results of the recent elections,
official returns of which are now in,
may be summed up as follows.
Hard money ideas have conquered.
The Republican party has made
heavy gains in Iowa, Ohio, West
Virginia and Colorado. The Green-
backers are totally lost as a national
party. The Democrats have gained
fourteen congressmen, to-wit, two in
Maine, five in Ohio, three in In-
diana, two in Iowa and one, to be, in
Oregon, and one in Vermont. The
general position is about the same.
The Republican papers are wild, and
claim the election in 1880 without a
doubt.

PLANT TREES.

The farmer cannot be too often re-
minded of the necessity and desir-
ableness of tree culture on these
western prairies, because there is a
disposition in all new countries to
neglect what seems to be little things
for the main chance. Nature has
forgotten while pouring down sun-
light upon us in floods, to provide
shade, and what nature has failed to
do, man must provide for. In the
eager desire to open up new farms,
or, improve the old, in the strain to
which many farmers are subjected of
trying to get out or debt, or pay for
farms yet unpaid for, planting trees
or other ornamentation seems a
waste of time, and is put off from
year to year. But if anyone will
consider at what a small outlay of
time and labor trees can be planted,
and what results of comfort and
even profit be attained by setting out
trees for shade, and ornament about
the house, and for shade and protec-
tion for cattle about the farm, it will
be readily seen to be one of the most
profitable outlays of labor that can
be made.

Aside from fruit trees which cost
money, there are many forest trees
that may be planted without any
cost except the labor of taking them
from their native forests and setting
them out. They will add to the val-
ue of the farm in dollars and cents,
considering it as an improved place,
while by a proper selection, they
may also be made to yield in future
a return in firewood or fruit. Take
for instance the pecan. The nut is a
valuable one, and will be more and
more valuable in the future. It is a
favorite nut in the North, and sells
now for a good price. As popula-
tion increases, the present wild sup-
ply will be inadequate to meet the
demand, and the nut be a source of
great profit. A few may be plant d
each fall without any cost, and they
will form a legacy for children, at all
events, as they bear very young.
Experiments have been made with
this tree and it has proved to be of
moderately rapid growth, to bear early
and to be very prolific. The nut has
already a steady market value which
will increase year after year, so that
we believe the product of five hun-
dred pecan trees, twenty years from
the present time, will produce more
money than the products in cotton
and grain of a two hundred acre
farm. Yet five hundred trees will
just go around a two hundred acre
farm, at a proper distance apart.
These need not be planted all at once,
but some each year at no cost, and
they will prove shelter, ornament
and profit, for time to come.

We believe the pecan tree growing
as it does so thrifty in Texas, which
is its natural home, and growing
well on the prairie as has been
shown we think by trees already
growing, is capable of becoming a
source of wealth as well as comfort,
and we would advise our farmer
friends to not let this fall pass with-
out planting more or less of these
trees.

Particulars of the Dowdy Children Massacre.

KENNESVILLE, TEXAS, Oct. 7, 1878.
—Our fellow-townsmen, Wm. V.
Gregory, has just returned from the
scene of the Dowdy Massacre on
Johnson creek. Mr. G., left the town
on Saturday the 5th inst. on a visit to
the family, and on reaching Capt.
Lewis Nelson's, two miles this side
of the Dowdy ranch, he first heard
of the Indian raid. He pressed for-
ward, and arriving at his destination,
a scene of unparalleled horror met
his gaze. The dead bodies of three
girls and their young brother had
just been borne in and lay before him
in their warm blood, mangled fear-
fully. The survivors of the family
were there, dumb under God alone
knows what of feeling, peering daz-
zledly at each dead form. A few hours
before, on this bright October morn-
ing, the fourth day from their ar-
rival at their mountain home the three
daughters, Alice, Fannie, and Riley,
aged respectively 18, 16 and 13 years;
left the house and went out among
the hills with their herds of sheep,
expecting to be relieved by their
brother Dick in an hour or two in
the charge of the herd. Dick started
in search of the party, but not find-
ing them he returned. The mother
then went out, and about three hun-
dred yards from the house found her
daughter Alice where she had fallen,
pierced with arrows and wounded in
the side by the thrust of a spear and
through the neck by a rifle shot. Alice
lived long enough to recognize her
mother—spoke the dear name of
"mama," and expired. Some fifty
yards further on was found the body
of Fannie, who had been seated under
a tree reading. The red devils had
shot her where she sat, and near the
spot where Alice fell was found the
body of Riley, the youngest sister.
On returning, the body of the boy
was found, it appearing that he ran
toward the house. The bodies were
all pierced through by arrows and
bore the marks of rifle ball and
spears. It is supposed the attack
was made about 8 o'clock in the
morning. The bodies were bruised,
their heads mangled with rocks, but
no signs were taken. On yesterday
they were buried.

"I marvel if somewhere in Heaven
or Hell this riddle of Life grows
clear."

ADORE.

The total vote of Ohio stands:
Republican, 274,120; Democrat, 270,
966; National, 28,332; Prohibition-
ist, 5,674.

No Where.

In Waco can there be found a
nicer or fresher assortment of can-
goods, pickles and staple groceries
than at Hensley & Sears, No. 55 Aus-
tin street. They always accommo-
date city customers by delivering
purchases in any part of town free
of charge.

All the World Around.

The Austrians indignantly deny
committing atrocities in Bosnia.
The Berlin Reichstag still engaged on
the socialist bill, which threatens
a crisis in German policy.
Count Von Bismark a young neph-
ew of the chancellor commits suicide
through physical suffering.

A panic in securities in London
and American bonds coming home.
Leprosy has appeared at several
towns in the province of Alicante
Spain.

A Jewish Journal printed in Ara-
bic, has been started in Calcutta.

The German Socialist Hasselman
has been set at liberty.
A man has arrived in San Francis-
co with a wheelbarrow which he has
wheeled across the continent.

An outbreak of armed negroes
2500 in number are said to be march-
ing to plunder and burn Natchez, La.
Grand Brotherhood of Locomotive
engineers, in session at Indianapolis
with 100 delegates present.

The defensive works of Constan-
tinople to be strengthened.

The question of French and En-
glish influence in Egypt amicably ar-
ranged.

Hathaway, the Fall River default-
er, sentenced to ten years in the State
Prison.

Dr. H. C. McFall assaults H. John-
son, editor of the White Hall Regis-
ter, Carrollton, Ill.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Py-
thias, Jurisdiction of Illinois, in ses-
sion at Quincy, Ill.

Revolutionary placards posted in
St. Petersburg despite the vigilance
of the police and military.

The American schooner "Jordan
L. Mott," carrying ex-President Gon-
zales, of San Domingo, and twenty-
two of his followers, supposed to be
lost.

The Burlington Gazette sues the
Madison Democrat for libel, the
Democrat having charged that the
Gazette sold out to Greenbackers
and defeated Hobbs, the Democratic
Congressional nominee.

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